

California Department of Public Health Vital Records Estimated Processing Times

June 1, 2014

(Processing Times May Change Based on Workload)

CERTIFIED COPIES

Birth Certificate From 1965 to Present	4 Weeks (but CAN take longer)
Birth Certificate From 1905 to 1964.	6 Weeks (but CAN take longer)
Death Certificate From 1993 to Present.	4 Weeks (but CAN take longer)
Death Certificate From 1905 to 1992	6 Weeks (but CAN take longer)
Confidential Marriage Certificate	Go to County Clerk (County of Issuance)
Public Marriage Certificate	

Due to increased requests for birth and death records, refer all marriage customers to the County Recorder in the county where the license was issued. If they've exhausted all efforts to identify the county but can't, we'll accept:

1949 – 1986	Can Exceed 6 Months *
1998 – 1999	Can Exceed 6 Months *
1905 – 1948	} No Index – Must Go to County Recorder in County Where License Was Issued
1987 – 1997	
2000 – Present	

* Increased requests for birth certificates for proof of identity have resulted in lengthy delays for marriage and divorce records.

Divorce (Certificate of Record – this is **not** a copy of the divorce decree)

County Unknown: 1962 – June 1984	Can Exceed 6 Months *
All Other Years	No Index - Find a Way to ID the County, and Go to Superior Court
County Known: All Years	Go to County Superior Court

AMENDMENTS & DELAYED REGISTRATIONS

Delayed Registration	2 Months
Amendment	
Death	2 Months
Marriage	2 Months
Birth	2 Months
Gender Reassignment	2 Months
Adoption	2 Months
Court Order Name Change.	2 Months
Paternity & Adjudication	2 Months